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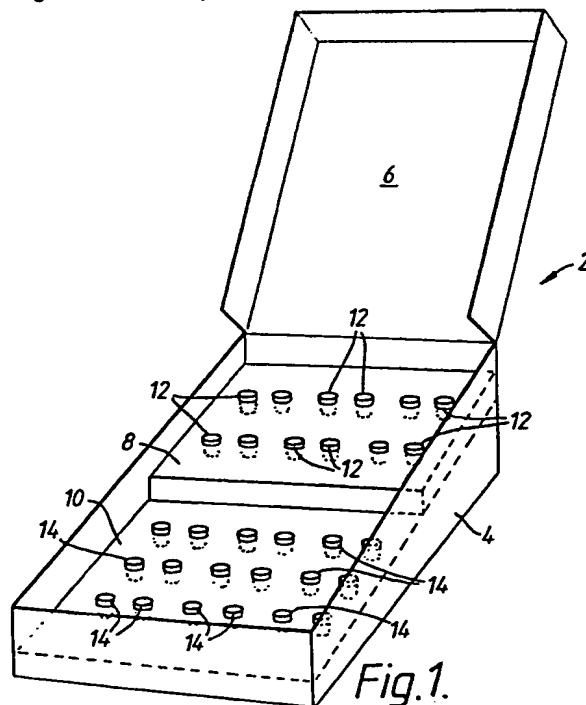
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(54) A jewellery box for earrings and/or brooches

(57) A jewellery box (2) for earrings and/or brooches comprises a body portion (4), a lid (6), and at least one tray member (8, 10) which is located in the body portion (4) and which is provided with a plurality of fixing devices (12), the fixing devices (12) being for receiving the earrings and/or the brooches such that the earrings and/or the brooches are fixed in position and are displayed on top of the tray member (8, 10). More than one relatively slidable tray member (8, 10) may be provided and the front of the box (2) may be weighted for stability.

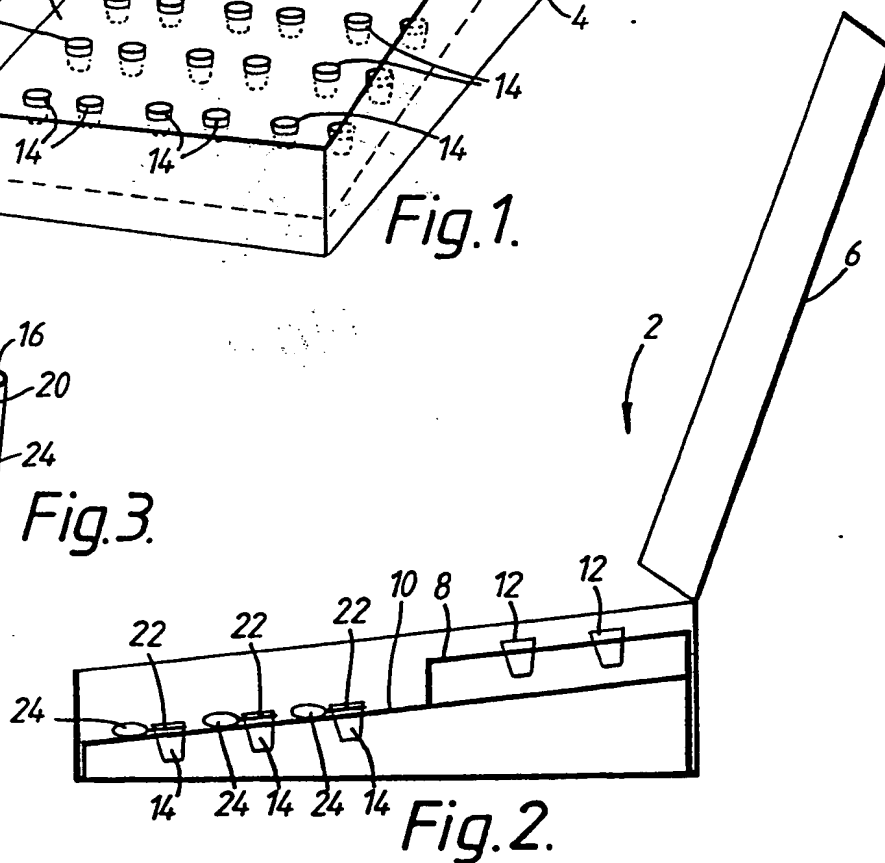
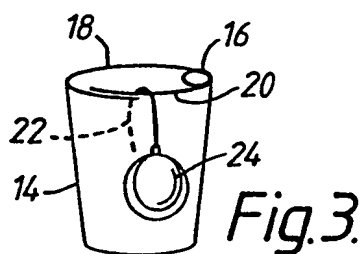
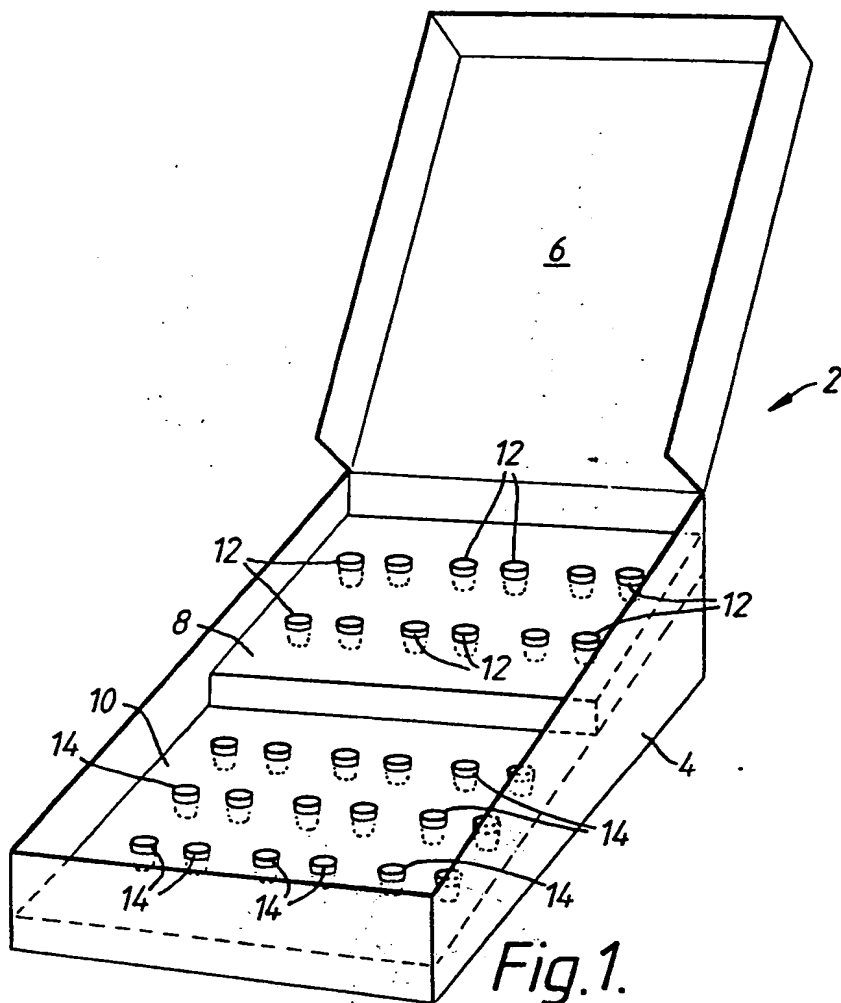


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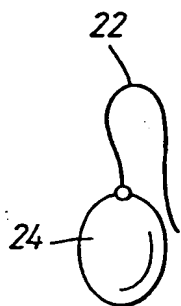


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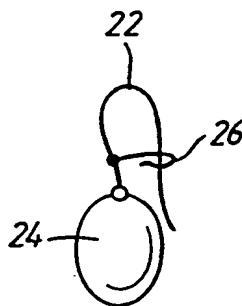


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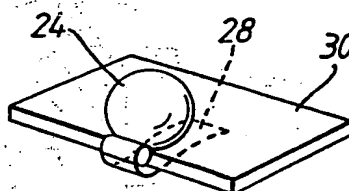


Fig. 6.

A JEWELLERY BOX FOR EARRINGS AND/OR BROOCHES

This invention relates to a jewellery box for earrings and/or brooches.

Earrings and/or brooches are worn by the vast majority of ladies, both young and old. Some ladies wear earrings and/or brooches substantially all the time whilst other ladies wear earrings and/or brooches only for special occasions. Irrespective of whether the earrings and/or the brooches are worn substantially all of the time or only occasionally, the majority of ladies have a choice of earrings and brooches. Many ladies have a vast selection of earrings and brooches. The ladies may have difficulty in storing their collections of earrings and brooches and the earrings and brooches may all too often be jumbled up in a box or a corner of a drawer.

It is an aim of the present invention to obviate or reduce the above mentioned problem.

Accordingly, this invention provides a jewellery box for earrings and/or brooches, which jewellery box comprises a body portion, a lid, and at least one tray member which is located in the body portion and which is provided with a plurality of fixing devices, the fixing devices being for receiving the earrings and/or the brooches such that the earrings and/or the brooches are fixed in position and are displayed on top of the tray member.

The jewellery box of the present invention can thus be used firstly to store the earrings and/or the brooches.

Thus untidy collections in the corners of drawers are no longer necessary, with the attendant possibility of

5 inadvertently pulling out an earring or a brooch as something else is removed from the drawer and thus losing the earring or the brooch. In addition, the jewellery box of the present invention is able to display the earrings and/or the brooches.

The earrings and/or the brooches can thus be readily seen

10 in addition to being securely stored, and the display of the earrings and/or the brooches enables ladies easily to make a desired choice.

Various types of fixing devices may be employed. Thus, the fixing devices may be for receiving at least one of hook  
15 portions of hasp devices of earrings, straight portions of hasp devices of earrings, spring clip portions of hasp devices of earrings, straight portions of hasp devices of brooches, and spring clip portions of hasp devices of brooches. Where the hasp devices of the earrings have straight portions, for  
20 example as in the case of earring studs, then the straight portions will usually be pushed directly through the tray member so that the straight portions will penetrate the tray member at right angles to the tray member. Where the hasp devices of the earrings have hook portions, then the

free end of the hook portions may be passed through the tray member and may then extend inside the tray member parallel to the top surface of the tray member.

5 The jewellery box may be one in which at least some of the fixing devices are for receiving the hook portions of the hasp devices of earrings, the fixing devices being in the form of tubes.

10 The jewellery box may also be one in which at least some of the fixing devices are for receiving the straight portions of hasp devices of brooches, the fixing devices being in the form of tubes.

15 Preferably, the jewellery box is such that there are two of the tray members. The two tray members may be such that they are located one on top of each other. The top tray member may slide back over the bottom tray member as the lid of the jewellery box is opened. Alternatively, the top tray member may be so mounted that it can be hinged upwardly when the lid of the jewellery box is in its open position.

20 When the jewellery box is such that it has two of the tray members, one tray member may be for receiving earrings and/or brooches having one type of hasp device, and the other tray member may be for receiving earrings and/or brooches

having a different type of hasp device.

If desired, the jewellery box may include a weight for weighing down the front of the jewellery box so that it cannot easily tip over backwards.

5      Embodiments of the invention will now be described solely by way of example and with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a jewellery box;

10      Figure 2 is a side view, partially in cross section, of the jewellery box shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 shows in more detail part of the jewellery box as shown in Figure 2;

Figures 4 and 5 show different types of earrings; and

15      Figure 6 shows another type of earring fixed to a fixing device that is alternative to the fixing device as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

20      Referring to Figures 1, 2 and 3, there is shown a jewellery box 2 for earrings and/or brooches. The jewellery box 2 comprises a body portion 4, a lid 6, a top tray member 8, and a bottom tray member 10. The tray members 8, 10 are located in the body portion 4 as shown.

The top tray member 8 is provided with a plurality of fixing devices in the form of tubes 12. As shown, the tubes 12 are grouped in pairs for receiving pairs of earrings (not

shown). The earrings may be stud type earrings so that they will have hasp devices having straight portions which can be poked straight into the tubes 12. The tubes 12 may extend mostly below the surface of the top tray member 8. Alternatively, the tubes 12 may extend mostly above the surface of the top tray member 8. The tubes 12 extend vertically as shown. Also as shown, the tubes 12 taper towards their bottom, but they may be parallel sided tubes if desired. The tubes 12 will usually be made of a metal.

The tray member 10 is also provided with fixing devices in the form of tubes 14. The tubes 14 extend from front to back. The entrances to the tubes 14 are bridged by clasps 16 as shown most clearly in Figure 3. The clasps 16 have arms 18,20 and, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, hook portions 22 of earrings 24 can be hooked between the arms 18,20. The hook portions 22 pass into the tubes 14.

It will be appreciated from Figure 1 that with the lid 6 open, the earrings 24 can be seen and selected. The earrings 24 are safely stored, especially when the lid 6 is closed. If desired, brooches (not shown) can replace some or all of the earrings 24, especially in the tubes 14 which may be bigger than the tubes 12.

Figure 4 shows more clearly the earring 24 which is shown in Figure 3.



Figure 5 shows an earring 24 which is similar to the earring 24 shown in Figure 4 but which additionally includes a safety hasp 26 and which would go in by using the hasp 26.

5           Figure 6 shows somewhat schematically an earring 24 which is of the type having a clip 28 which is a spring biased clip and which can be used to clip over a person's ear in a well known manner simply by finger pressure. With such a type of earring clip, the earring 24 can be secured  
10   to a fixing device in the form of a plate 30. Instead of employing separate plates 30, a continuous shelf (not shown) could be employed.

          It is to be appreciated that the embodiments of the invention described above with reference to the accompanying  
15   drawings have been given by way of example only and that modifications may be effected. Thus, for example, the tray members 8, 10 may be made as separately formed hollow members with a hollow base or they may be made simply as tops with support sides or support legs and no base. The  
20   jewellery boxes 2 may be produced to look aesthetically pleasing so the the tray members 8, 10 may have at least their visible surfaces covered with velvet or other luxurious looking material. The velvet or other material may be in any desired colours. If desired, the jewellery

box 2 may be provided with a catch or a lock for securing the lid 6 in position on the body portion 4.

CLAIMS

1. A jewellery box for earrings and/or brooches, which jewellery box comprises a body portion, a lid, and at least one tray member which is located in the body portion and which is provided with a plurality of fixing devices, the fixing devices being for receiving the earrings and/or the brooches such that the earrings and/or the brooches are fixed in position and are displayed on top of the tray member.

2. A jewellery box according to claim 1 in which the fixing devices are for receiving at least one of hook portions of hasp devices of earrings, straight portions of hasp devices of earrings, spring clip portions of hasp devices of earrings, straight portions of hasp devices of brooches, and spring clip portions of hasp devices of brooches.

3. A jewellery box according to claim 2 in which at least some of the fixing devices are for receiving the hook portions of the hasp devices of earrings, the fixing devices being in the form of tubes.

4. A jewellery box according to claim 2 or claim 3 in which at least some of the fixing devices are for

receiving the straight portions of hasp devices of brooches, the fixing devices being in the form of tubes.

5. A jewellery box according to any one of the preceding claims in which there are two of the tray members.

6. A jewellery box according to claim 5 in which the two tray members are such that they are located one on top of each other.

7. A jewellery box according to claim 6 in which the top tray member slides back over the bottom tray member as the lid of the jewellery box is opened.

8. A jewellery box according to claim 6 in which the top tray member is so mounted that it can be hinged upwardly when the lid of the jewellery box is in its open position.

9. A jewellery box according to any one of claims 5 to 8 in which one tray member is for receiving earrings and/or brooches having one type of hasp device, and the other tray member is for receiving earrings and/or brooches having a different type of hasp device.

10. A jewellery box according to any one of the preceding claims and including a weight for weighing down the front of the jewellery box so that it cannot easily tip over backwards.

5 11. A jewellery box for earrings and/or brooches, substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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